

## **CLAIM STATUS**

1. (Currently amended) A tampon for absorbing body fluids, the tampon comprising:

one or more malodor counteractant materials selected from the group consisting of: glycerin, glycerin compound, aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, citric acid, acetic acid, base, EDTA, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, and any mixtures thereof;

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present between about 0.01 grams to about 50% of the total weight of the tampon, and

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials does not include ascorbic acid or its derivatives, and

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is in a liquid form.

2. Canceled.

3. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 1, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is glycerin.

4. Canceled.

5. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 1, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present between about 0.1 grams to about 20% of the total weight of the tampon.

6. (Previously presented) A tampon for absorbing body fluids, the tampon comprising:

glycerin present between about 0.01 grams to about 50% of the total weight of the tampon;

wherein said glycerin is naturally sourced.

7. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 6, further comprising one or more additional malodor counteractants is selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, acid, base, oxidant, chelating agent, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, and any mixtures thereof.

8. Canceled.

9. Canceled.

10. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 6, wherein said glycerin is present between about 0.1 grams to about 20% of the total weight of the tampon.

11. (Previously presented) A tampon for absorbing body fluids, the tampon having thereon a malodor counteractant material comprising:

glycerin; and

at least one additional malodor counteractant material selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, citric acid, base, EDTA, ester,

masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, zeolite, and any mixtures thereof.

12. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 11, wherein said glycerin is in liquid form.

13. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 11, wherein said glycerin is all naturally sourced.

14. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 11, wherein said at least one additional malodor counteractant material is in liquid form.

15. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 11, wherein said at least one additional malodor counteractant material is all naturally sourced.

16. Canceled.

17. Canceled.

18. Canceled.

19. Canceled.

20. (Previously presented) A tampon for absorbing body fluids comprising:

a fibrous material suitable for absorbing said body fluids; and

a liquid glycerin that does not support microbial growth, disposed in the tampon to absorb odors associated with said body fluids.

21. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 20, wherein said liquid glycerin is combined with at least one additional malodor counteractant material selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, acid, base, oxidant, chelating agent, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, zeolite, and any mixtures thereof.

22. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 20, wherein said liquid glycerin is naturally sourced.

23. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 21, wherein said one additional malodor counteractant material is naturally sourced.

24. (Previously presented) A method of deodorizing a vaginal area comprising:  
  
applying the tampon of claim 1 to said vaginal area,  
  
wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials counteracts malodor in said vaginal area.

25. Canceled.

26. (Previously presented) A method of deodorizing a vaginal area comprising:  
  
applying to said vaginal area a fibrous absorbent article having thereon a malodor counteractant material comprising:  
  
glycerin; and

at least one additional malodor counteractant material selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant

and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, citric acid, base, EDTA, ester, masking agent, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, zeolite, and any mixtures thereof,

wherein said glycerin and said at least one additional malodor counteractant material counteracts malodor in said vaginal area.

27. (Previously presented) A method of deodorizing a vaginal area comprising:

applying to said vaginal area a fibrous absorbent article having a fibrous material suitable for absorbing body fluids and a liquid glycerin that does not support microbial growth disposed in said fibrous material,

wherein said liquid glycerin is present in an amount between about 0.01 grams to about 50% of the total weight of the fibrous absorbent article, and

wherein said liquid glycerin counteracts malodor in said vaginal area.

28. (Currently amended) A fibrous absorbent article for absorbing body fluids, the fibrous absorbent article comprising:

one or more malodor counteractant materials selected from the group consisting of: aldehyde, natural oil, solution of soluble natural compound, natural plant and herb extract, naturally occurring deodorizing active, ester, sensory receptor alterant, oxidizing agent, biological agent, surfactant, surface active polymer, and any mixtures thereof,

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials do not include ascorbic acid or its derivatives, and

wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is in a liquid form.

29. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 28, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present between about 0.01 grams to about 50% of the total weight of the fibrous absorbent article.

30. (Previously presented) The tampon of claim 28, wherein said one or more malodor counteractant materials is present between about 0.1 grams to about 20% of the total weight of the fibrous absorbent article.